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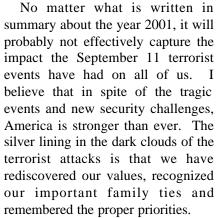
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MAYOR'S REPORT:

A YEAR TO REMEMBER



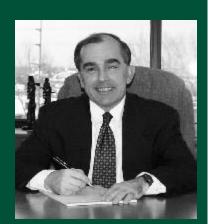
In spite of our distant proximity to the terrorist events, people in Beaverton have responded in many positive ways. Citizens have reached out and donated significant financial contributions to those families devastated by the attacks. In addition, thousands of letters and cards have been sent to the people in east coast communities that felt the brunt of the attacks. Numerous community vigils, church services and gatherings have been held to acknowledge and commemorate the terrorist attacks.

In the Beaverton area, our community spirit is alive and very strong. As your Mayor, I interact often with citizens, the business community and other government agencies. I'm hearing from others and observing first hand that people in Beaverton are actively engaged in helping make our community better and improving our quality of life. Volunteerism in our schools is at an all-time high.

Service clubs report increasing memberships and participation. Churches have reported increases in attendance and involvement in helping others, even prior to the September terrorist attacks. Citizens actively participate in City sponsored events. Beaverton citizens regularly attend Neighborhood Association Committee (NACs) meetings and testify before City Council at public hearings. People do help shape our community identity, by participating in a very constructive and open communication with City Hall. Our two-way dialogue exchanges ideas and a discussion of issues that improves our quality of life in Beaverton.

A community's identity is not just its fine neighborhoods, schools, service clubs, parks, churches, retail outlets and business centers. These are all important to have, but the true heart of a community is its people. Our citizens set the tone for how we

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ROB DRAKE,
MAYOR

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MAYOR'S HOTLINE

Your interests and concerns are important to us. A phone line is available 24 hours a day for citizen calls: (503)526-3700. Messages will be checked daily, and if you leave your name and number, we will respond to you as quickly as possible.

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operate, what we think and how we respond. Beaverton residents have a pride and confidence that few communities can boast. We define a course of action and set out to achieve it. Our community's will and spirit is energetic and powerful. This is the special chemistry that so importantly sets us apart from other cities.

As we head into a new year, I want to pledge my commitment to a safe community and strong customer service effort from City Hall. Our

Police Department's Community Policing program has helped foster a productive two-way conversation between citizens and the police. The result is a much safer city. We're here also to provide efficient and effective quality service from all City departments. I welcome your comments, suggestions and criticisms.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Beaverton as your Mayor.

•Rob Drake, Mayor

Fred Ruby Elected Council President for 2002

Fred Ruby was elected Beaverton City Council President by a unanimous vote of the City Council on January 7, 2002, for a one-year term. Councilor Ruby was first appointed to the City Council in May 8, 2000, to fill a vacancy. He was later elected to that position in September 19, 2000. Councilor Ruby is a partner with the law firm of Greene & Markley. Council President Ruby is the current chair of the Beaverton Social Services Funding Committee and is the Mayor's delegate to the Washington County Community Action Organization. Prior to his service on the City Council he was a Beaverton Budget Committee member and Beaverton Library Board member. Councilor Ruby has been a City resident for 11 years.

New Extended Hours in Mayor's Community Programs Office

Starting Monday, February 4, 2002, the Mayor's Community Programs Office will be starting new hours of service for our citizens. The new extended hours will be:

Monday-Thursday 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Friday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

The programs that are effected by this change include Municipal Code Services, Dispute Resolution Center, and Neighborhoods. We are changing our hours in order to provide increased opportunities for citizens to utilize these important programs.

The Community Programs Office is located on the first floor of Beaverton City Hall. If you have questions regarding these programs, we encourage you to contact us at (503) 350-4077.

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THE CITY'S MISSION: "Preserve and enhance Beaverton as a responsive, dynamic, attractive and safe community."

Rob Drake, Mayor Fred Ruby, CouncilPresident Evelyn Brzezinski, Councilor Dennis Doyle, Councilor Forrest Soth, Councilor Cathy Stanton, Councilor

COUNCIL GOALS:

- 1~Preserve and enhance our sense of community.
- 2~Use City resources efficiently to ensure long-term financial stability.
- 3-Continue to plan for, improve and maintain the City's infrastructure
- 4~Provide responsive, cost effective service to the community.
- 5~Assure a safe and healthy community.
- 6-Manage growth and respond to change consistent with maintaining a livable, full-service city.
- 7-Maintain Beaverton as a regional leader in cooperative efforts with other agencies and organizations.
- 8-Provide and support a highly qualified and motivated City work force.

COUNCIL CORNER: A COUNCILOR LOOKS BACK

by Evelyn Brzezinski

PLEASE NOTE: The Council Corner article reflects the views of the Councilor writing the article. The Mayor's or other Councilor's opinions may not be fully reflected in Council Corner articles.

A little over 15 years ago, I took a seemingly simple action that turned out to have a major impact on my life. I had just moved into Beaverton from unincorporated Washington County. I received a newsletter like the one you're holding now, and saw an article inviting citizens to participate on a city board or commission. I decided to apply. My thought at the time was that I was spending most of my waking hours on work-related activities, and I needed something to be involved in that would force me to take an occasional break.

I submitted an application and was selected to serve on the Planning Commission. I was pretty amazed, as I had no prior experience that would have made me particularly qualified for the position. But I eagerly went to my first meeting as a Planning Commissioner in January 1987 and realized that my goal in signing up for a city committee would be easily achieved. For several hours each week, I became engrossed in thinking about something other than my work. In the process, I discovered that I really enjoyed the opportunity to learn about and deliberate on issues that affected how Beaverton developed as a city.

I ended up serving on the Planning Commission for nearly five years. After a break of about a year, I was encouraged to apply to take Leslie Like's position on City Council after she resigned in midterm. I did apply and, once again, was somewhat surprised to be selected by the remaining Councilors. While this time I was bringing some experience with me to the position, I still did not fit my image of a politician. I had no

"cause" I wanted to work on as a City Councilor, and I had little more knowledge about issues facing the city than what I read in the newspaper.

Indeed, in my first election (held two months after my appointment), the *Beaverton Valley Times* endorsed one of my opponents due to my lack of "definitive views on many subjects." I recently came across a letter to the editor I wrote shortly



Councilor Evelyn Brzezinski

after that endorsement came out, stating my position that, to be a good City Councilor, I believed that one *shouldn't* approach a decision with preconceived notions, but instead, *had* to thoroughly study the specific issue at hand before making that decision. I ended the letter by saying that I wouldn't apologize for my open-mindedness, and trusted that Beaverton voters wouldn't penalize me for it.

They didn't. I was elected in mid-1993 to complete Councilor Like's term, and then again in 1994 and 1998 for full four-year terms. I recently told Mayor Drake and my fellow Councilors that I do not plan to run again this May. For me, serving nearly ten consecutive years will have been enough. I do not favor term limits, preferring instead to allow voters to keep representatives they think are doing a good job and to vote out of office those who no longer adequately represent their views. At the same time, I do think that governing bodies profit from having occasional turnover of members. By electing a new Councilor in 2002, the Beaverton City Council will have, I believe, an excellent mix of experienced and new members. I'm confident that I will leave the Council in good hands.

As I look back on my time on the City Council, there are a few things that made me particularly proud to have been a Councilor. They include:

Deciding to build the new library.

- Rejecting the application to build housing on land that has since been added to Tualatin Hills Nature Park.

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A Councilor Looks BACK

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for new funding, and then doing a good job of explaining to voters what the new tax dollars will buy. Indeed, during my time on the Council, Beaverton voters have shown their confidence in city government by approving all three money issues we sent to them (a levy allowing us to hire new police officers and introduce traffic calming measures, a bond measure to allow the new library to be built, and the election on the new tax base).

Certainly, if the downtown development known as The Round had been completed on the original timeline, that would have been on my list as well, but I am optimistic that at least some of the buildings will have been completed and occupied by the time I leave office.

I'm announcing my decision not to run for reelection now so that interested individuals have some time to consider whether they, too, would like to serve their city in this way. The filing deadline is March 12, 2002. Needless to say, I encourage active, interested citizens to consider taking my place on the Council—or to become more involved in your city government in some other way. Based on my nearly 15 years as a Planning Commissioner and City Councilor, it's a decision I think you won't regret.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT: BUILDING FINANCIAL STABILITY

The Finance Department, in conjunction with all City Departments, responded to Mayor Drake's continual commitment to build and maintain the City's future financial stability and integrity during 2001. At the end of this fiscal year (6/30/2001), the City achieved a general reserve (a savings account)

totaling 23.6 percent of the General Fund's vearly operating expenses. The 23.6 percent reserve level is sufficient three cover months of the General Fund's operations. Besides the General Fund, the City operates 23 other funds (e.g., Streets,

Library, Water, Sewer) and each fund is also in sound financial health.

For this fiscal year (FY 2001-02), the city is levying \$3.18 of its \$4.62 permanent rate levy authority. The difference between these two rates represents additional tax revenues that the City may levy in future years. The future tax revenues could be

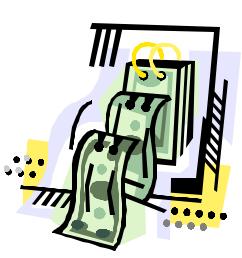
used to fund future enhancements to our public safety program.

The department received two national awards; one for the Annual Financial Report and the second for the Annual Budget. The national awards recognize that Beaverton has achieved the highest standards in government accounting, budgeting

and financial reporting. The achievements exemplify Mayor Drake's continua1 directive for excellence in City operations. The department also serves as a US **Passport** Agent for processing passport applications. Last year, we

processed 3,259 passport applications. This is a service that our citizens have found very beneficial. For more information on our Passport Services call our information line at 503-526-2240 or look us up on the Web at www.ci.beaverton.or.us and click on Passports under Quick Links.

Our web page has other useful information such as contracts for equipment and services that are currently out for bid and business licensing requirements. Look under Quick Links and click on <u>Contract Bidding</u> or <u>Business Licenses</u>. We also have utility information and rates for water, sewer, and storm services. This information can be found under Departments, Finance, and click on Utility Information.



CITY COUNCILORS WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

Please feel free to call your City Councilors with any comments or questions you may have. They can be reached at the following numbers:

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Police Rise to Meet New Challenges

The year 2001 was one of awakening. As a police department and as a nation, we awoke on September 11 to find that America could be victimized. Amidst tears and grief over the loss of lives and security, hope sprouted – it surfaced in the form of giving, pride for America, and in a new resolve among Americans that such attacks upon our country and its people will not be tolerated.

For perhaps the first time, the members of the Beaverton Police Department recognized they were part of an immense network nationwide charged with homeland security. Where localized crimes and issues were the primary focus of police, they are now only a part of what police are responsible for in their mission to protect the lives and rights of citizens.

The members of the Beaverton Police Department have worked diligently since September 11 to fulfill this expanded role. Security has been strengthened at local schools, churches, and other areas where large groups of people congregate. These types of activities will be continued indefinitely.

The department's restructuring of the school resource officer program in 2001 will be beneficial under the new set of circumstances. By allowing the officers to be more accountable to the schools and students themselves, instead of a strict curriculum, the school resource officers can focus on security issues and the specific needs of the student/teacher population.

In periods of national high alert, officers have and will continue to forgo self-initiated enforcement for purposes of heightened visibility and investigation of suspicious individuals and activities. This is but one portion of a matrix that has been developed to

provide for a department-wide measured response to terrorist alerts. The department has also promised its support to the federal government in the questioning of foreign visitors.

Partnerships have never been as important as they are today. It will take everyone working together, police and citizens alike, to restore a sense of security and combat crimes leveraged against fellow citizens and the community.

Community oriented policing and problem solving is also critical during these troubled times. The agency remains committed to this philosophy, which is evidenced by its success in completing 180 of the 195 strategies within six goal areas contained in the *Community Oriented Policing and*

Problem Solving Strategic Implementation Plan. With all objectives to be met by April 2002, plans are already underway for the publication of a new document that will, most assuredly, include goals pertaining to local and national security.

Although paling in comparison to the importance of other occurrences and activities during the year, department members were nevertheless proud to be recognized for the second year in a row with an international community policing award. Recognition was also achieved in the form of a first place award in the International Police Vehicle Design Contest.



Moment of Remembrance ~ City staff participates in a moment of silence to honor victims of the September 11 event.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT 2001 YEAR IN REVIEW

CAPITAL PROJECTS DIVISION

Vose Neighborhood Sidewalks.

This improvement project is currently under construction in the area of SW Alger to SW Lee Avenue between SW 11th and SW 14th Streets. The purpose of this project is to install sidewalks where none exist and to replace deteriorated sidewalks and driveways in the Vose Neighborhood.

Brockman Road/Greenway/125th Avenue Intersection Improvement Project. (\$1.8 million) Plans are being developed to increase safety at this intersection and to connect it to the future 125th Avenue Extension. The project includes lowering the elevation of Brockman Road and raising the elevation of Greenway to increase visibility.

Millikan Way Extension Project (Cedar Hills Boulevard to Hocken Avenue). (\$3.13 million) The Millikan Way Extension project is currently under construction. The project extends Millikan Way from Cedar Hills Boulevard to Hocken Avenue. Project improvements include new travel lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes, street lights, and some intersection improvements.

Hart Road (165th Avenue to Murray Boulevard). (\$8 million) This project will improve Hart Road from 165th Avenue to Murray Boulevard and 155th Avenue from Middleton Court to Siletz Court. The scope of work includes two travel lanes, a turn lane or planted median, bike lanes, concrete sidewalks, planting strip, ornamental street lighting, landscaping, and a bridge on Hart Road over Johnson Creek. The Project Advisory Committee made its recommendation in July 2001 after 14 meetings and

three open houses.

Henry Street Extension (Cedar Hills Boulevard to Rose Biggi Avenue). (\$1,376,700) This Local Streets Network (LSN) project includes the construction of 520 feet of new urban collector street with two travel lanes; two bike lanes; two 13-foot sidewalks; storm drainage, water and sewer lines; ornamental street lighting; landscaping and irrigation; and the undergrounding of utilities.



Sidewalk Improvements on Cedar Hills Boulevard. This project improved the width of sidewalks and constructed ramps for handicap access at five locations along the east side of Cedar Hills Boulevard.

Safety Improvements on Murray Boulevard South of Allen. (\$81,000) The project will address safety problems at the most southerly driveway to Safeway on Murray Boulevard. Adjacent property owners have also contributed to the cost of construction.

Hall Boulevard Bike Lanes Project. (\$1.5 million) Hall Boulevard will be widened to accommodate bike lanes between Ridgecrest Drive and Cascade Boulevard. The project includes widening of the Fanno Creek Bridge. Construction of the project is estimated to cost \$1.25 million. Currently, the project is in final design with a bid award anticipated in April

2002. Construction is anticipated in mid-June of 2002.

Central Interceptor Project 3 & 4 (Dale Avenue and Taralynn Avenue). This storm drainage improvement project improves the Central Interceptor storm drainage system from Dale Avenue/17th Street to the north end of Taralynn Avenue and a short stretch of waterline on Allen Boulevard.

Central Interceptor Projects 2 & 7 (Main Avenue Ponds and 18th Street/ Dale Avenue). This storm drainage improvement project improves the Central Interceptor storm drainage system from the Main Avenue detention ponds to Dale Avenue/17th Street.

Westside Interceptor Storm Drainage Project 4. This project was the final phase of the Westside Interceptor reconstruction. It involved the installation of five-foot and nine-foot-diameter stormwater detention pipes along Cherryhill Drive. The project is intended to alleviate the flooding in the area of Allen Boulevard and SW 141st Avenue.

South Central Utility Improvements. To provide better coordination between street overlays and necessary water, sanitary sewer, and storm drain improvements, the City has packaged some of the utility and street infrastructure work needed to a single comprehensive contract. In the downtown area, these projects are called the South Central Utility Improvements.

Phases 1 and 2. These projects consisting of major water improvements on Watson Avenue; 2nd Street between Farmington Road and Erickson Avenue; Main

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Street; Lombard Avenue between Allen Boulevard and Broadway; and water, sanitary sewer, storm drain, and street improvements on Hall Boulevard, 5th Street, and Tucker Street were completed in 2000.

Phase 3. This project consists of sanitary sewer and storm drain improvements on 1st through 5th Streets in the area between Main Street and Hall Boulevard and on 2nd Street east of Hall Boulevard to Lombard Avenue.

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

Planning for the future. Work was completed to update the City's Transportation System Plan. The updated plan forecasts the transportation needs to accommodate anticipated growth through the year 2020. The Plan update was developed through a series of six public workshops at the Traffic Commission and numerous other public meetings.

Traffic Calming. Traffic calming refers to measures to reduce speeding and cut-through traffic on neighborhood streets. Two neighborhoods completed traffic calming plans in 2001. Three more neighborhoods were selected for funding and have begun the process to develop a traffic calming plan. Six additional neighborhoods previously met the eligibility criteria and will be considered for funding in 2002.

Traffic Signal Upgrades. Work continues on improving traffic signal equipment and signal timing to accommodate our increasing traffic volumes safely and efficiently. The City has installed red light photo

enforcement cameras at five Beaverton intersections was an additional major project for traffic engineering staff this year.

Traffic Commission. In addition to their work on the Transportation System Plan update, the Traffic Commission considered 17 major traffic issues during the year, holding public hearings on 11 of the issues.

BIKE Task Force. The Bicycling Interest, Knowledge, and Encouragement



(BIKE) Task Force advised staff and citizen groups on bike-friendly design components for various street improvements in the City.

WATER DIVISION

Water Main Replacement and Upgrade on Allen Boulevard from King Boulevard to Lombard Avenue. (\$484,000) This construction project is to replace varying sized existing potable water pipes under Allen Boulevard from King Boulevard to Lombard Avenue with a new 16-inch waterline and to connect the new line to side street waterlines.

Sorrento Water Works—Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well No. 2. The City of Beaverton currently owns and operates two groundwater wells for drinking water purposes at 13520 SW Hanson Road. The 1.7-acre Sorrento Water Works site at the westerly end of Hanson Road also contains other vital City water system facilities. The two existing

groundwater wells at this location are used for aquifer storage and recovery (ASR). ASR is defined as the storage of drinking water in a suitable underground aquifer (water bearing basalt rock in this case) for later use during the summer when water demands are higher. Beaverton's average daily water demand for 2001 was approximately 8.6 million gallons per day, with a summer peak of over 14 million.

Sorrento Reservoir No. 2 (Reactivation and Sorrento Water Works Yard Piping Improvements) (\$175,000) This project was initiated after an interior inspection and seismic evaluation of the existing one-million gallon Sorrento concrete reservoir for reactivation as potable water storage found that the 1957 reservoir could be reactivated for continued service.

Well Drilling Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well No. 3. The purpose of this project is well drilling to complete the City's third ASR well near the



intersection of SW Loon Drive and SW Scholls Ferry Road. The completed well facility is expected to produce

500,000 gallons per day.

Murrayhill Pumping Station Upgrade. (\$365,000) The project consists of building a 20-foot x 25-foot single-story building to house an existing drinking water pumping station located on SW 155th Avenue just north of the intersection of SW 155th and SW Falcon Drive in southwest Beaverton.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: 2001

BUILDING DIVISION

Construction permit activity for the year 2001 was slightly less than that of 2000 (951 building permits issued in 2001, as compared to 975 issued in 2000). Permits for new single-family homes has been surprisingly strong, with 350 permits issued (as compared to 202 issued in 2000). This includes a very strong month in September, where 41 permits for new homes were issued (only 5 permits were issued in Sept. 2000).

The Building Division continues to support consistency in code enforcement throughout the Tri-County area. Beaverton will continue to promote the spirit and intent of providing the development community with consistent, relevant and reasonable building code enforcement, while maintaining health and safety for the users of buildings in our City.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Application activity for 2001 remained constant, compared to the application activity over the past two years. In 2001, the Development Services Division processed slightly more than 800 development applications. During the past year, the City has been considering the commercial development of a new Home Depot store. Other major projects, which received final City action in 2001, include the development of a new Hearthstone senior housing complex at the corner of Scholls Ferry Road and Davies Road, an approximately 90-unit subdivision at the corner of 155th Avenue and Beard Road, and a Haggen's Supermarket on Murray Boulevard near the intersection of Beard Road.

In 2001, the Planning Commission began the review of the Development Code Update Project. The Planning Commission public hearings represented the culmination of a four-year process to develop new regulations that will govern the manner in which the City considers development proposals. Therefore, this project focuses on updating and improving the development review procedures and applications chapters of the Development Code.

In 2001, the Development Services Division also began to expand the capabilities of the Division's web page. The Division put more information online and will continue to expand the resources available on-line to assist all parties interested in the development of the City.



PLANNING SERVICES DIVISION

In 2001 the City virtually completed work mandated by the State for periodic review of the Comprehensive Plan. This work brings the Comprehensive Plan substantially into compliance with new State statutes and administrative rules, as well as with requirements of the Metro Urban Growth Management Functional Plan.

The only remaining review tasks are completion of urban services agreements and adoption of a new school facilities plan when completed by the Beaverton School District.

Another accomplishment during the year was completion and adoption of a plan for the Merlo Light Rail Station area. The plan includes a new Station Community Employment zoning

district that will be applied in this area and possibly other parts of the City.

Much progress was made in 2001 on completion of a process, pursuant to Statewide Planning Goal 5, for identification and protection of significant scenic trees in the City. A comprehensive inventory of potentially significant scenic individual trees, tree corridors, natural groves, and neighborhood groves has been completed by Division staff using criteria approved by the Planning Commission. Early next year, a public process will be conducted to define which trees are deemed to be significant; determine the economic, social, environmental, and energy consequences of protection of significant trees versus allowing their removal; and establish a tree protection program.

The City continues to expand its boundaries as a result of annexations processed by the Planning Services Division.

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) develops and maintains many useful data resources. We have published many of our commonly requested maps in Portable Document Format (PDF) for use in Adobe Acrobat Reader. Using Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can pan, zoom, and print these maps.

To view or download these maps, go to www.ci.beaverton.or.us/beaverton/maps.html - there you will find maps that show the city limits, zoning, comprehensive plan, neighborhoods, and other information. Keep checking back – we will be doing some great things this coming year! If you would like to see other maps published online which are not shown, please contact GIS at (503) 526-2352.



Neighborhood Clean Up ~ Volunteers from NAC's across the City assist in the annual clean-up day in June.

A Busy Year for the Neighborhood Program

The City of Beaverton's Neighborhood Program promotes public involvement in City government through its support of a variety of activities and events. Here are just a few of the highlights of 2001:

- In February, the City Council recognized Glen York, winner of the 2001 Parade Theme Contest. Glen's entry, "Two Thousand and Fun" reflected well the parade's carefree spirit and child-oriented emphasis.
- In May, the City thanked the hundreds of neighborhood association committee (NAC) volunteers at its annual Volunteer Recognition Night. Mayor Rob Drake presented NAC awards, in the categories of Community Enrichment (Highland NAC), Special Recognition Environmental Improvement (Sexton Mountain NAC), and Economic Development (Raleigh West NAC).
- In June, the Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI), NACs, Metro, local haulers, and the City sponsored a neighborhood cleanup at Beaverton City Hall. Volunteers from the NACs "staffed" the drop boxes and helped to unload nearly 600 cars.
- At the Taste of Beaverton in July, Mayor Rob Drake presented Bob Hamlin with the 2001 Good Neighbor of the Year Award. This award recognizes outstanding volunteer achievement and is sponsored by both the City and the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce.
- For six weeks throughout the summer, the Neighborhood Program coordinated informal lunchtime classes that gave the public the opportunity to learn more about City government and land use, transportation, and community services issues. The classes gave

- citizens a wonderful opportunity to speak with staff in an informal and casual setting.
- In October, CCI sponsored a seminar on Metro that included discussions on three important issues: the urban growth boundary, streamside protection, and transportation. Approximately 40 people attended the three hour seminar.
- Throughout the Fall, the Neighborhood Program coordinated the recruitment process for the City's boards and commissions, promoting one of the many ways the City encourages public involvement in government.
- Throughout 2001, the Neighborhood Program continued managing the public's use of the Beaverton Community Center. Nearly 100 community groups, representing a diversity of interests, meet at the Community Center each month.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Economic Development Program consists of citywide economic development and downtown redevelopment efforts, and the federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs. In July 2000, the City Council adopted a *Strategic Plan for Economic Development* for Beaverton. By the end of 2001, the Plan had taken on new meaning with the downturn in the local and national economy. Beaverton's plan is focused on three major areas:



Business Start-ups

Beaverton has long been a city where start-up businesses thrive and in a period when the economy weakens, it is even more common for some people to start their own businesses. In 2001, the City issued nearly twice as many licenses to incity businesses as the previous year, and over half of those were to single-person businesses. Information packets and the business section of the city's web site have been revised to be more helpful to those going through the daunting process of starting a new business.

The *Strategic Plan* also recognizes the critical importance of workforce issues. In today's economy, the are fewer job openings than a year ago but more applicants, so employers may need assistance recruiting, screening and training. The City participates in a regional consor-



Downtown Redevelopment ~ One possible computer enhanced version of how the intersection of Hall & Broadway may be improved.

tium called the Workforce Alliance which is a one stop service center which provides workforce solutions



to Washington County employers.

Downtown redevelopment is a major effort of the *Strategic Plan*, with the Hall Watson Beautification Project the most visible aspect. This project began in June, 2001, and will conclude this spring with a master plan and site-specific recommendations for street furniture, lighting, landscaping and certain transportation elements along Hall and Watson from the new library to the light rail tracks.

The last major investment in downtown Beaverton was over 20 years ago in "old town", when the city's nowdefunct urban renewal agency improved streets and installed street lights, benches, flower pots, etc. The Hall/Watson Plan will tie together and build off of the major public investment in the library and the much-anticipated construction of The Round.

Implementation of the plan will take a number of years. A successful downtown, of course, doesn't just

come from attractive trees and benches. This plan is also designed to form public-private partnerships with downtown business and property owners to help create small, exciting places that will be attractive features for the area.

Federal Programs

The City received over \$490,000 in federal CDBG funds this fiscal year and \$67,000 of HOME funds. The highlights included:

- •Vose Neighborhood Sidewalk Project. This \$250,000 project replaced or installed approximately 6,800 lineal feet of sidewalk and planted 90 street trees.
- •Funded 6 public service agencies which provided such things as emergency food and utility assistance, advocacy and assistance for abused women and children and recreational activities for at risk youth.
- •Home repair loans and grants for improvements to the homes of 18 low/moderate income residents in the City.
- •Created a new fire safety program with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue to provide grants to qualified owners of older mobile homes in the city which are at particular risk of fire due to obsolete construction materials.

WINTER WEATHER ARE YOU PREPARED?

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue encourages you to protect yourself and your family this winter by following the tips below.

Planning Ahead

- 1. Ensure your family's safety and comfort by creating a 72-hour kit with emergency supplies for your home. A complete list can be obtained at www.tvfr.com/communitysafety/disaster_prep/disaster_prep/. You can also call Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue at (503) 649-8577 to request a free copy of "Before Disaster Strikes."
- 2. Develop a backup plan for cooking, heating and lighting your home in case of a power outage. Remember that candles are a fire hazard and NEVER use charcoal briquette or outdoor equipment (propane, kerosene, etc.) indoors because of the risk of carbon

monoxide poisoning. Also, cordless phones and garage door openers will not function if the power goes out.

- 3. If you plan on using a generator, ensure that it is used properly NEVER plug it into a wall outlet and ALWAYS use it in a well-ventilated area.
- 4. If you have a fireplace or wood stove, stock up on seasoned wood and have your chimney or stovepipe cleaned each year to guard against chimney fires.
- 5. Protect your water pipes with insulating material, such as fiberglass or foam pipe insulation, or use heating tape (available at any hardware store).
- 6. Winterize your car. Check antifreeze levels and don't forget emergency supplies including blankets, gloves, a small supply of food and water, flares, etc.

During an Emergency

- 1. Use 911 only in a TRUE EMERGENCY! During a widespread emergency, dispatchers do not have time to address questions regarding road closures, power outages, etc. Use non-emergency phone numbers for these concerns.
- 2. Check on your neighbors, especially seniors, to insure that everyone is okay.

Who to Call for a Power Outage

PGE Emergency Outage: (503) 464-7777

West Oregon Electric Cooperative: (503) 429-3021

For further information about preparing for winter weather or other disasters, visit www.tvfr.com/communitysafety/disaster_prep/disaster_prep or contact Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue at (503) 649-8577.

CODE SERVICES WORKING TO KEEP BEAVERTON LIVABLE

Municipal Code Services, as part of the Mayor's Office, has completed another year working with citizens and businesses to enhance the quality of life throughout Beaverton.

Our primary goals have been, and will continue to be, to pursue voluntary compliance with the City Code through educational opportunities for citizens and businesses and to provide customers with excellent customer service.

Over the past year, staff have had the opportunity to meet with many citizens to discuss both code issues and what Code Services does. Often citizens are aware of our program but have specific questions regarding how we operate. In reflecting back on the past year, it has

been the opportunity to educate citizens on our process that has been most rewarding.

The following is a brief background on the program: Code Services is a program within the Mayor's office, with a staff of three people. The program handles issues regarding the City's civil code. Violations of the civil code are called civil infractions, of which the most common are nuisances.

The most common nuisances of the past year include abandoned autos, rubbish, noxious vegetation, defective sidewalks and prohibited signs. When Code Services receives a complaint regarding a violation of the city code, staff works with the responsible party

for the violation to achieve voluntary compliance. If it is determined a code violation does not exist, but a dispute remains between two parties, often the case is referred to the City's Dispute Resolution Center, to voluntarily work together to find solutions to mutual problems.

Our staff has very much enjoyed serving you over the past year and looks forward to meeting with many more Beaverton citizens and groups in the upcoming year.

If you have any questions regarding Municipal Code issues please call the Code Services office at (503) 526-2270 V/TTD or e-mail us at codeservmail@ci.beaverton.or.us.

BEAVERTON ARTS COMMISSION'S ANNUAL REPORT 2001

Making the Arts Accessible to our Citizens

The Beaverton Arts Commission provided Beaverton citizens with many opportunities to experience and enjoy the arts right in their own community this past year. Here are a few of the highlights:

February

Showcase 2001, an exhibition of exceptional artworks by regional artists.

March

Beaverton Art Gallery opens at Beaverton Mall, offering local artists an opportunity to market their work.

April

Art Exhibition, featuring works by Beaverton School District art instructors, Beaverton City Hall.

June

Drama camp for at-risk youth participating in the Beaverton Police Activities League summer program.

Salmon Sculpture Public Art Program begins its summer.

Annual Arts Awards presented to outstanding art students, instructors, artists and patrons of the arts.

July

"No Boundaries X," an art exhibition created by artists with disabilities, City Hall.

Arts and Crafts Marketplace at the

Taste of Beaverton Festival.

"Music Experimentation Station," an opportunity for kids to try out a variety of musical instruments at the Taste of Beaverton Festival. Also during the Festival weekend, the Commission collected new and used band and orchestral instruments and donated them to the Beaverton School District's middle school music programs.

August

A series of four musical presentations presented in the courtyard of the Beaverton Town Square, including:

"The Taffeta's," a nostalgic 50's musical review performed by Broadway Rose Theatre

"Peace Child 2000," a musical reflecting children's hopes and fears about world peace, performed by Young People's Theatre Project.

Classical guitarist John O'Brien Cellist Skip Von Kuske and Violinist Marty Jennings.

September

Beaverton Chamber Fine Art and Wine Festival, THPRD Baseball Field, 158th and Walker.

Five new works of art purchased for the new Beaverton Resource Center.

October

"Toad Prince" performed by Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre, Elsie J. Stuhr Center.

November

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" preformed by Oregon Children's Theatre, Stuhr Center.

December

Celebrating America – Artwork depicting Americana, City Hall.

"Swingin' on a Star" performed by NW Kid's Company/Northwest Children's Theatre, Stuhr Center

"European Masterpieces: Six Centuries of Paintings," lecture and slide presentation by the Portland Art Museum, Beaverton City Library Auditorium.

The Arts Commission Board, staff and artists will continue to work diligently to create a sense of community for our citizens in 2002. We invite you to participate in our programs this coming year. In addition to presenting many of our annual arts events, the Commission will also begin offering art classes for children. For a schedule of events or classes for 2002, please contact the Beaverton Arts Commission at 503-526-2288 or jscott@ci.beaverton.or.us. We look forward to hearing from you.



Mark Your Calendar for

Beaverton's Visual Arts Showcase 2002!!

The 20th Annual Beaverton Visual Arts Showcase Featuring over 100 exceptional works of art in a variety of media

Gala Public Opening
Saturday, February 9th, 7-9 p.m.

Exhibition and Sale February 10-23

Beaverton City Library, Conference Room A&B 12375 SW 5th

For more information, call the Beaverton Arts Commission at 503-526-2288.

Arts Commission Sponsors 2001

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Thank you!!!

2001 SISTER CITIES NEWS

Our Beaverton Sister Cities Foundation year was crowded with all kinds of interesting activities.

We hosted student visits from France, Korea and Japan. During one of the visits the visiting Korean students performed at our Beaverton City Council meeting with ancient instruments in traditional Korean dress. We were privileged to have an official Japanese visit led by the new Gotemba Mayor and City Council Head before the end of July. We had a marvelous time at the Taste of Beaverton with our wonderful International pavilion and Japanese visitors participation in the parade. Our Japanese visitors were impressed by the welcome they received from the Beaverton citizens lining the streets of the parade route.

During 2001 our students with adult chaperones went on trips to Germany, France, Korea and Japan. Some of these students were able to go on these trips because of receiving student scholarships from the Beaverton Sister Cities Foundation that is funded by our

annual Dinner-Auction. Our fourth annual event held in February was a success and we are truly grateful for the support of the local Beaverton community. Our 2002 Dinner-Auction is scheduled for February 2, 2002.

We were invited to participate in the Uwajimaya Festival in September and even though the weather was terribly cold and wet we were able to meet many local citizens interested in the Sister City program.

A month did not go by without us being asked to speak at local service group meetings about the Sister City program. We have now been in business for fifteen years and during that time have had almost 1900 visitors from our six Sister Cities.

We will have visits to France, Japan, Korea and Germany in 2002. Please call our office for more information.

We have monthly open Board meetings. If you are interested please call (503) 526-2499 for details.



Beaverton Students ~ Exchange students in Gotemba, Japan in July 2001.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER CAN HELP REDUCE STRESS AND ANXIETY IN 2002

Looking for ways to start your year with less stress and anxiety? Maybe you're frustrated with a neighbor who doesn't seem to care about their barking dog, or an upstairs neighbor who makes loud noise that interferes with your sleep. Perhaps you purchased a product or service that didn't meet your expectations, and are having a difficult time working out a satisfactory resolution with the business. Left unresolved, the dilemmas listed above can compound the stress we already experience in our family, work and everyday activities. That is where the Beaverton Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) can help!

The DRC's Neighborhood Mediation program provides free and confidential mediation services to neighbors. businesses consumers, landlords and tenants, schools, manufactured dwelling parks and other community members. Participation in the mediation process is voluntary. Common issues include: noise problems, animal complaints, property disputes, interpersonal conflicts, and consumer issues. Frequently, we find that most issues arise as a result of lack of communication between the parties involved. A neutral mediator works with both parties to assist in developing a mutually satisfactory resolution.

In addition to the Neighborhood Mediation program, the DRC has a Juvenile Victim Offender Mediation program. The program is a cooperative effort with the City of Beaverton and Washington County Juvenile Department. This program

targets juvenile offenders between the ages of 10 and 17 who commit primarily property crimes, such as vandalism, burglaries, and car breakins. The mediation process provides an opportunity for victims and offenders to meet and participate in a structured restitution process. The process is voluntary for both the victim and the offender, and helps to bring resolution to the incident.

The DRC utilizes professionally trained community volunteers to mediate cases. Volunteer mediators and staff were busy in 2001 mediating 221 cases. Thirty volunteer mediators contributed over 1,800 hours assisting over 400 citizens with mediation services. Mediators provide many services including: gathering client information, case development (telephone conciliation), case followup, face-to-face mediation sessions, victim and offender interviews, information and referrals, and work on special projects.

The Center strives to ensure

citizens receive professional quality services. In order to achieve this goal, the City provided a 44-hour basic mediation training last spring for new volunteer mediators. We welcome and encourage your interest as a volunteer mediator.

The DRC has been involved with several projects during 2001. For example, the Center is in the process of an extensive outreach project to residents and businesses in the Beaverton area to let them know about our various mediation services, and encourage the use of our free We welcome the program. opportunity to provide information to large groups, such as, apartment complexes, homeowner's associations, senior groups, and manufactured dwelling parks on how mediation services can help serve individuals with conflicts.

We welcome and encourage you to contact our office at (503) 526-2523 to hear more about our mediation services and how we might assist you.



BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY YEAR IN REVIEW

2001 was a remarkable year at the Beaverton City Library! Getting settled into the new building was just part of the wonderful experiences the library had to offer.

For the first time, we had a Summer Library Camp where youth could have fun and learn how to use library resources effectively. Wonderful cultural programs like the "Art of the Eye", the Dancing Trees Marimba Band, book discussion groups, and many other events kept the building filled with delighted participants.

Many records were set at the library in the past year. Statistics such as the number of items checked out was up 23 percent (close to 1.5 million), door count was up 35 percent (watch out for the 1,000,000th patron celebration in February!) and reference questions answered increased 20 percent. These and our recent customer satisfaction survey attest to the success of the library and its service to Beaverton's residents.

Looking back at where we have been can be fun. But looking at what is just around the corner is even more exciting!

THE LARGE PRINT COLLECTION AT THE CITY LIBRARY

The annual September Beaverton Library Foundation fund-raising dinner enabled the Foundation to present a check to the Beaverton City Library for \$10,000. Accepting on behalf of the library, Ed House, Library Director, stated "the funds will be used to purchase quality large print books enhancing the library's collection for individuals with vision impairments." Mr. House expressed his thanks and appreciation to the foundation and community members for their support of the fund-raising dinner. The new additions to the large print collection will begin to arrive in early 2002. Bookplates will be placed in the new materials acknowledging corporate sponsors of the dinner and the

foundation. To support the Foundation's on-going efforts to provide additional programs and services for the Library please mail a tax deductible gift to, P.O. Box 602, Beaverton, OR 97075-0602 or call (503) 644-2197 for more information.



Bill Zawackie, Library Foundation, President presents \$10,000 contribution for large print library materials to Ed House, Library Director.

Library Events and Programs

February

March

Saturday, 2, 10:00 – 2:00pm, Millionth Patron Celebration

Saturday, 2, 11:00am, Children's Puppet Show

Sunday, 3, 2:00pm, MOSAIC Reading and Discussion Group, Featured Book: <u>Moonstone</u> by Wilkie Collins Sunday, 10, 2:00pm, Arts in Library Series-NJUZU, African Culture Program

Tuesday, 12, 6:00pm, Oregon's Economy: "A Wealth of Knowledge: Metro Portland's New Economy" Tuesday, 19, 6:00pm, Oregon's Economy: "Oregon's Fastest Growing Occupations & Industry Changes" Tuesday, 26, 7:00pm, Oregon's Economy: "Recession in Oregon, Why, Who and How Long?"

Saturday, 2, 10:00am, Rasika – India Cultural Program featuring: Indian Flute

Sunday, 3, 1:00pm, Violinist in the Outer Lobby

Sunday, 3, 2:00pm, MOSAIC Reading & Discussion Group, Featured Book: PNIN by Vladimir Nabokov

Saturday, 9, 11:00am, Children's Puppet Show

Saturday, 9, 10:00am, Rasika- India Cultural Program featuring: Indian Floor and Wall Decorations

Sunday, 10, 2:00pm, Arts in Library Series: Quilting Lecture and Display

Tuesday, 12, 6:00pm, Oregon's Economy: "Oregon's Economy – Waiting for the Turn"

Friday, 22, 7:00pm, Rasika - India Cultural Program featuring: Indian Classical Dance

Wednesday, 27, 2:00pm, Reptile Man – Spring Break Children's Program

Saturday, 30, 2:00pm, Reptile Man – Spring Break Children's Program

For more details regarding the above information contact the Beaverton City Library, (503) 644-2197.

Do You NEED HELP WITH YOUR TAXES?

The Beaverton City Library is happy to have the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Tax Aides back again in 2002 to help people prepare their taxes. AARP's Tax Aides are a wonderful collection of retired accountants and professionals who donate their time to helping you.

They also get annual training and support from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Tax Aides will be upstairs in the Library's Business Information Center from the beginning of February through April 15. Appointments are for one hour and must be made in person upstairs at the reference desk. Please check

with us in January to find out what time the Tax Aides will be available to help you. The Library will also do its best to maintain a varied supply of tax forms for those who do their own taxes. For more information about this program please contact the Library at (503) 644-2197.

PUBLIC MEETINGS CALENDAR

JANUARY, 2002

*City Council Meetings

28 Mon. 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting – Council Chambers

**Neighborhood Meetings

24 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Denny Whitford NAC – Edgewood Downs Retirement Ctr. **Planning Commission Meetings**

Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission- Council Chambers

30 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission- Council Chambers

Other Meetings - Location: City Hall

- Wed. 7:00 p.m. Committee for Citizen Involvement- 1st Floor Conf. Rm.
- 24 Thu. 6:30 p.m. Board of Design Review Council Chambers

FEBRUARY, 2002

*City Council Meetings

- 4 Mon. 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting Council Chambers
- 11 Mon. 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting Council Chambers Televised
- 18 Mon. No Meeting Holiday
- 25 Mon. 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting Council Chambers

**Neighborhood Meetings

- 6 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Vose NAC- Beaverton Community Center
- 12 Tue. 6:30 p.m. Five Oaks/Triple Creek NAC-Elmonica Elem. School
- 13 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Raleigh West NAC-Beaverton Community Center
- 14 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Highland NAC Beaverton Resource Center
- 14 Thu. 7:00 p.m. South Beaverton NAC- Southridge High School
- 14 Thu. 7:00 p.m. West Beaverton NAC-Seventh Day Adventist Church
- 19 Tue. 7:00 p.m. West Slope NAC–West Sylvan Middle School
- 20 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Sexton Mountain NAC-Sexton Mountain Elem. School
- 21 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Central Beaverton NAC-Beaverton Community Center

Planning Commission Meetings

- 6 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission- Council Chambers
- 13 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission- Council Chambers
- 20 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission- Council Chambers
- 27 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission- Council Chambers

Other Meetings - Location: City Hall

- 5 Tue. 8:30 a.m. Building Board of Appeals-Council Chambers
- 5 Tue. 6:00 p.m. B.I.K.E. Task Force 3 rd Floor Conf. Rm
- 7 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Traffic Commission-Council Chambers
- 12 Tue. 2:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Advisory-3rd Floor Conf. Rm
- Thu. 7:30 a.m. Beaverton Sister Cities-3rd Floor Conf. Rm.
 Thu. 6:30 p.m. Board of Design Review-Council Chambers
- 19 Tue. 6:00 p.m. Beaverton Arts Commission-3rd Floor Conf. Rm.
- 10 Tuc. 0.00 p.m. Deaverton Arts Commission-3 Proof Com. Kin
- 19 Tue. 7:00 p.m. Police/Apartment Managers-Council Chambers
- $20 \quad \text{Wed.} \quad \ \ 3:30 \text{ p.m. Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Committee} Council \, \text{Chambers}$
- 27 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Committee for Citizen Involvement-1st Floor Conference Room
- 28 Thu. 6:30 p.m. Board of Design Review-Council Chambers

YOUR CITY

City of Beaverton PO Box 4755 Beaverton, OR 97076 *Call (503) 526-2640 V/TDD for a recording of City Council agendas.

**Call Neighborhood Program, (503) 526-2243 V/TDD to confirm location and meeting dates.

The events listed on this calendar are subject to change. The calendar on the city Web site will have the most current information about events and any cancellations. See http://www.ci.beaverton.or.us/residents/ calendar.cfm for more details.

Assistive listening devices or sign interpreters will be made available at any public meeting or program sponsored by the City of Beaverton upon request with a minimum of 72 hours advance notice. To request either service, please call (503) 526-2497 V/TDD.

MEETING LOCATIONS:

Beaverton Community Center: 12350 SW 5th;
Beaverton Resource Center: 12500 SW Allen Blvd.;
Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS), 8640 SW
Turquoise Loop;

City Hall: 4755 SW Griffith Dr.;

<u>Conestoga Middle School</u>: 12250 SW Conestoga; <u>Edgewood Downs Retirement Center</u>: 7799 SW Scholls Ferry Rd.;

Elmonica School: 16950 SW Lisa;

Five Oaks School: 1600 NW 173rd Ave.;

<u>Highland Park Middle</u>: 7000 SW Wilson;

Library Bldg.: 12375 SW Fifth;

Nancy Ryles School, 10250 SW Cormorant;

Seventh Day Adventist Church: 14645 SW Davis Rd.;

Sexton Mt. School: 15645 SW Sexton Mt. Dr.; Southridge High School: 9625 SW 125th Ave.;

Valley Presbyterian Church: 8060 SW Brentwood;

Whitford Middle School: 7935 SW Scholls Ferry Rd.

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